Administration of Holy Communion from The Reserved Sacrament

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Patients
are invited to attend services in
the Chapel or to participate in the service
on Channel 4:

Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and Monday
through Friday at 12:00 Noon.

Hospital attire is appropriate in the
Chapel. A wheel chair lift is also available
at the Chapel entrance.

Patient responses are in bold capitals.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

Let us together humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THEE IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD, AFTER THY GREAT GOODNESS: ACCORDING TO THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCIES, DO AWAY OUR OFFENSES AND CLEANSE US FROM OUR SINS: FOR JESUS CHRIST'S SAKE. AMEN.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US, AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

Administration of the Sacrament

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which were given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The Chaplain may here offer one or both of the following prayers or some other appropriate prayer.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve this thy sick servant. Look upon **him** with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort **him** with a sense of thy goodness; preserve **him** from the temptations of the enemy; and give **him** patience under **his** affliction. In thy good time, restore **him** to health, and enable **him** to lead the residue of **his** life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally **he** may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servant and give thy power of healing to those who minister to **his** needs, that **he** may be strengthened in **his** weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Thanksgiving

GRACIOUS FATHER, WE GIVE THEE PRAISE AND THANKS FOR THIS HOLY COMMUNION OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THY BELOVED SON JESUS CHRIST, THE PLEDGE OF OUR REDEMPTION: AND WE PRAY THAT IT MAY BRING US FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS, STRENGTH IN OUR WEAKNESS, AND EVERLASTING SALVATION: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;
SAVE US, AND HELP US, WE HUMBLY BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

The Chaplain then lays hands upon the sick person and says the following:

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. **AMEN.**

If the person is to be anointed, the Chaplain dips a thumb in the holy oil, and makes the sign of the cross on the sick person's forehead, saying

N., I anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

The Chaplain may add

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

If Communion is not to follow, the Lord's Prayer is now said

The Chaplain concludes

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

Prayer for Hospitals:
O God, whose blessed Son went about doing good, and healed all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people; we beseech thee to continue in St. Luke's Episcopal and Texas Children's Hospitals his gracious work, and bless all those who serve therein; that doing all that they do for love of thee, they may with wisdom and sympathy, minister to the sick; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all those who put their trust in him; to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; Be now and evermore thy defense; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Preparation before Communion
O God, who alone canst guide us into the sanctuary of thy presence: Make ready, we beseech thee, our hearts to receive the sacrament of that love whereby thy Son hath redeemed us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Communion
O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold thee in all thy works, particularly those that now surround us; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before an Operation
O Lord, holy Father, by whose loving kindness our souls and bodies are renewed; Mercifully look upon this thy servant, about to undergo an operation; that he be not afraid, but may put his trust in thee; bless the means made use of for his cure; that every cause of sickness being removed, he may be restored to health, with a grateful sense of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Parental Thanksgiving after Childbirth
Unto thee, O God, we offer our thanksgiving for the miracle of birth and for the joy of bringing new life into thy world. Bless, we beseech thee, this man and this woman; give them wisdom and patience in the nurture of this newborn child, whom we welcome in thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.